

CONGRESSIONAL.

THURSDAY, Jan. 2.

HOUSE. Very little of interest on the tapis. Dorr case was brought up and some speaking on the subject. Nothing worth recording.

FRIDAY, Jan. 3.

SENATE not in session.
In the House the Annexation of Texas was the order of the day.
Mr. Ingersoll made somewhat of a speech in support of the project. He was ready to go for any plan that would accomplish the object, &c.
Mr. Tibbatts of Ky. introduced a bill on the same subject.
Mr. Belser of Alabama, introduced a new amendment, tendering the protection of the U. S. to the people of Texas until the question of annexation was settled. All these projects were recorded.

SATURDAY, Jan. 4.

HOUSE. Mr. Phoenix of New York, offered a memorial from a society of Friends in opposition to Texas and slavery. Laid on the table without being read.
In the Committee of the Whole, the everlasting question was brought up, but there appeared to be no disposition to discuss the subject.

MONDAY, Jan. 6.

SENATE. Communications received from the various departments.
Mr. Atherton, of New Hampshire, presented resolutions of his State Legislature, in favor of the immediate annexation of Texas, and instructing their Senators and requesting their representatives in Congress to act accordingly.
Mr. Dickinson presented a remonstrance of the Society of Friends of New York, Vermont and the adjacent parts, against the annexation of Texas. Read and laid on the table.
Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial in favor of establishing a Government in Oregon at once.
Mr. Merrick submitted a resolution, which is adopted, calling on the Postmaster General to communicate any information he has received, and he understood he had recent and direct information, concerning the effect of the reduction of postage in Great Britain.
Mr. Merrick also reported a bill to reduce the rates of postage with amendments.

TUESDAY, Jan. 7.

SENATE. Nothing of importance transacted.
Mr. Berrien presented a memorial from citizens of Macon, Georgia, asking for a change in the Post-office laws and the franking privilege.
Mr. Archer presented a memorial from citizens of Philadelphia, asking an alteration in the naturalization laws.
Mr. Niles introduced a joint resolution for the annexation of Texas and other purposes.
HOUSE. Business hardly worth recording.
Mr. Hale presented the resolutions of the Legislature of New Hampshire, instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives to vote for the annexation of Texas to the United States and asserting that, in their opinion, the people had, at the Presidential election, decided in favor of the measure.
The resolutions were referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union (Mr. Hopkins in the Chair) and resumed the consideration of the resolution pending for the annexation of Texas to the United States.
The question was discussed pro and con, ending which discussion the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8.

SENATE. Mr. Merrick reported two bills, one to provide for the transportation of the mail between the U. S. and foreign countries, and the other to regulate the making contracts for transporting the mails over railroads.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial from a society of Friends in Oregon, urging no delay in making a government in Oregon.

The Smithsonian Institute bill was under discussion.

Mr. Choate addressed the Senate in support of his amendment to Mr. Tappan's bill. He urged the appropriation of a portion of the fund to lay the foundation of a great library—not merely great in the collection of rare manuscript, illuminated block letter, yellow vellum and all that dilettanteism, or a great library like that of Paris (700,000 volumes, and said to be the largest in the world)—we are not to be frightened by numbers, said Mr. C., it may be said of books as of witnesses, *poderantur non numerantur*.

Mr. C. also proposed that lectures should be given for the instruction of men, lectures that should raise the Standard of Scholarship in this country. These objects would be corresponding more with the intention of the testator; this would *secundum formam doni*, and besides it would leave no room for jobbing sinecures.

A number of gentlemen spoke in favor of the bill. Subject postponed until next day.

HOUSE. Mr. Burke presented resolutions of the Legislature of New Hampshire, sympathizing with Gov. Dorr, and calling upon Congress to restore his liberty. Objections being made, he moved a suspension of the rules without success.

Mr. Dromgoole introduced a bill providing for the admission of Texas as a State into the Union, on the same principle which governed Congress in the admission of Kentucky and Vermont; the latter of which, before its admission, in 1791, was clearly beyond the limits of the Union. It was twice read, and referred to a committee of the whole. We have now eight different propositions for annexation.

The House then went into a committee of the whole and entered the consideration of the Texas question.

SINGULAR. Mr. Walter Hasty of Limington, a few days since, found a cent embedded in the middle of an ox's liver, which he was cutting up. The liver was entirely enclosed around the cent, and on removing it the imprint of the letters were seen upon the parts with which they had been in contact. Mr. H. bought the liver in Portland. We have the cent in our possession. It is a half penny of Lower Canada, and bears date 1837. How it could have got into the place whence it was taken, may be matter of speculation for the curious. [Saco Democrat.]

MEXICO.

Recent accounts from Mexico inform us that Santa Anna has been banished. Anticipating something of this sort, it is said he has had an eye to windward and laid away in England a nest egg of some four or five millions for a stormy day.

THE SAME OLD STORY. The superintendent of the Bellevue Hospital, New York, reports the admission into the Hospital during the week, ending January 4th—

Admissions 110.—Foreigners 75.—Natives 35. On the 6th, there were 24 applications, only two of the applicants Americans.

A CITY FOR SALE. "Osage City" is offered for sale in a St. Louis paper. It contains one hundred and twenty-six acres of land, one store, two dwelling houses, sundry out-buildings—such as pig styes &c. A rare chance for a speculation.

A female Millerite has been sentenced to two years imprisonment in the State Prison, by the Recorder of Buffalo, for having stolen materials with which to make an ascension robe!

The "Red Men," an association whose objects are not unlike those of the Odd Fellows, was formed in Baltimore, lately.

from among the followers of Dr. Pusey, in England, are becoming numerous. The following are mentioned among the recent cases:—Rev. J. H. Newman, Rev. T. B. Barton, Rev. W. G. Penny and Mr. Tickell. The London Record notices a report that the Puseyite leaders contemplate an open declaration and secession, and adds:—"This will take place whenever their friends at Rome judge it to be the best for their cause."

In one of the last sittings of the States of Denmark a motion was brought in, in order to request the king that he would be pleased to abolish slavery in the Danish colonies. The Assembly decided unanimously, that in a next sitting it would nominate a commission, charged to propose the best means of removing the serious and numerous obstacles which still prevent the realization of this step.

There are 9,368 school houses in the State of New York; 968 of brick or stone; the remainder of logs or framed wood. Of these 3,168 were returned to the State Superintendent, as in good repair, 2,970 in comfortable condition, and the remaining 3,319 "unfit for the reception of man or beast."

MARYLAND. Governor Thomas in his annual Message says; "That the Revenue laws of the State have failed of the object of their enactment, in demonstrated in the present as in former messages. Arrears of interest are increasing, so that what was \$359,956 in 1842, became \$1,171,372 97 in 1843, and amounted to the sum of \$1,450,961 51 on the first of December last."

Bishop Soule had a narrow escape from death while attending the South Carolina Conference. The stage was run away with by the frightened horses, and dashed to pieces; the very spokes in the wheels were knocked out, and the coach made a perfect wreck. He had been often before in perils, by sea and land, but never in such imminent danger of death in all the course of his life.

The steam frigate Princeton, sailed on Monday, destined for England to receive a new big gun in the place of the "Peace Maker." The contract for the construction of the gun has been already sent out.

Mrs. Madison, through Mr. Dromgoole, offers to the nation the miscellaneous papers and the correspondence of her illustrious husband.—They no doubt form a very important and interesting body of materials for our political and civil history.

The Governor of Ohio estimates that there are 20,000,000 acres of land in that State suitable for cultivation, and that about 9,000,000 acres, including meadows and pasture land, are now actually cultivated. He also estimates the real property of the State, with the improvements, to be worth \$420,000,000, and the personal effects at \$180,000,000, making a total aggregate of \$600,000,000.

The United States Government contract for 13,000 rifles was given to a gentleman in Vermont, at less than \$12.20, lower, we understand, than it was ever taken before. The contract for 30,000 pistols was given to a manufacturer at Middletown, Connecticut.

The House of Representatives have passed a preamble and resolutions rescinding the vote of censure on John Quincy Adams, passed by the Ohio Legislature some years since, for presenting certain petitions in favor of a dissolution of the Union.

Mignonette kept from flowering for a year becomes a shrubby plant and perennial, it is also much more powerful as a scent.

could never be guessed from the thing itself. It is, as every one knows, a certain kind of metal. Its name is derived from the French word *antimoine*, a monk-hater—or to explain it properly, an against-a-monk. This remarkable appellation arose from the doings of a German abbot, by name Basil Valentine, who, as the tradition relates, having thrown some of the oxidized mineral to the hogs, observed, that, after it had purged them heartily, they immediately fattened. Therefore (says the story) he imagined his fellow-monks would grow the sleeker from a like dose. The experiment, however, succeeded so ill, that they all died of it; and the mineral was thence-forward called *antimoine*, anti-monk, or antimony.

The amount of Whiskey distilled in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, is said to be 25,000 gallons per day, consuming thereby about 8,000 bushels of grain, two thirds being corn and one third rye.

A youth of 17, was recently found weltering in his blood from a pistol shot, on one of the roads near Paris. He lived just long enough to relate, that he had been accosted on the road by a man, who immediately fired at him, and when he had fallen, approached him and exclaimed, "Good God! I have made a mistake, you are not the person whom I supposed;" and the assassin then fled, leaving his pistol behind him.

The following shawl story is told by the True Sun: A certain fashionable dry goods merchant was victimized by a lady, not long ago, to the tune of \$1000. She alighted at the store from an elegant equipage, selected a \$250 shawl, mislaid her purse, found it again in the store, tendered in payment of the shawl a counterfeit \$1000, received \$750 in change, and vanished! The story is true, and the scene of the trick was Stewart's in Broadway.

A life of a Wesleyan Minister, written by himself, whose scenes of labor were in Lincolnshire, England, from the year 1780 to 1822, concludes his account of them by stating:

"I have enjoyed in my ministry 2028 Sabbaths: read the Scriptures, two chapters for each day, 36,500 times; preached 8112 sermons; occupied fifteen pulpits, and ridden 117,000 miles; and my salary never, at any time, amounted to £50 per annum."

MARRIAGES.

In this city, Mr. Benj. Stevens, Jr., to Miss Sylvia Cushman, both of Portland.
In this city, by Rev. A. K. Moulton, Mr. Elijah Williams to Miss Catherine Morrison.
In this city, by Rev. Mr. Burne, Mr. Henry P. Humphrey to Miss Augustus M. Weston, both of Gray.
In Harrison, Mr. Aaron S. Hubbard, of Thorsduke, to Miss Mary Ann Harmon, of Harrison.
In Bath, Mr. Wm. Ingalls, to Miss Mary E. Johnson.
In Brunswick, 1st inst., Mr. James G. Mustard to Miss Francis P. Stinchfield.
In Brunswick, 25th ult., by Rev. Mr. Fiske of Bath, Mr. Charles S. Pennell to Miss Caroline F. Adams, both of Brunswick.
In Norway, Mr. Alexander H. Farris, of Hebron, to Miss Hannah F. Harris, of Minot.
In Bethel, Thomas B. Little, Esq., of Lewiston Falls, to Mrs. B. Towne, of Bethel.

DEATHS.

In this city, 10th inst., Martha, wife of J. C. Brooks, aged 31.
In Saco, Augustus H. Gurney, aged 15 years; 2d ult.
Mrs. Betsey, wife of Mr. John Fenderson, aged 72 years.
In Cape Elizabeth, 10th inst., Mr. Joseph Mariner, aged 53 years.
In Shipleigh, 1st ult., widow Mary Shackley, aged 104 years and 6 months.
In Dexter, Mr. Moses Jose, aged 43.
In Brunswick, 30th ult., Mrs. Hannah, wife of Mr. Jacob Skoldfield, aged 56.
In Cornish, on the 25th ult. Mrs. Sarah, wife of Wm. H. Miller, aged 26 years.
In Frankfort, Mr. Joseph L. Perkins, aged 30.
In Augusta, 25th ult., Mr. David Craig, aged 75.
In Naples, 25th ult., of lung fever, Enoch Gammos, in the 6th year of his age.
In Kennebunk, 30th ult., Mrs. Mary Gooch, aged 87. She was wedded to her bed 14 years.